



Wellington Transport

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEMS IN WELLINGTON



Wellington has an excellent public transport network of buses, suburban trains, a cable car and ferries. People with a disability can use most transport.

► BUS

Buses run throughout Wellington, seven days a week. You can buy bus tickets from the driver on the bus or you can buy multiple trip tickets and monthly bus passes from selected stores and metlink. There are several companies that run buses in Wellington city and suburbs.

- **Go Wellington** (formerly known as Stagecoach) and **Valley Flyer**: www.go.wellingtonbus.co.nz or call 802 7476
- **Tranz Metro**: www.tranzmetro.co.nz or call 0800 801 700
- **Transit Coachlines**: www.transit.co.nz or call 387 2018

For timetables and fares, visit www.metlink.org.nz or call 0800 801 700.

► RAIL

There are trains that connect Wellington City with Porirua, Hutt Valley, Kapiti Coast, Northern Wellington Suburbs and the rest of the North Island. The Wellington train service is run by Tranz Metro. For information on routes and timetables visit www.tranzmetro.co.nz or call 0800 801 700.

► AIR

Wellington airport is located in Rongotai and has domestic and international flights. The main airlines are:

- **Air New Zealand**: www.airnz.co.nz or call 0800 737 000 for reservations and 388 990 for arrivals and departures
- **Qantas**: www.qantas.co.nz or call 0800 808 797 for reservations and 388 9900 for arrivals and departures
- **Pacific Blue**: www.pacificblue.co.nz or call 0800 670 000

You can get shuttle buses and taxis to and from the airport. The fares vary depending on destination.

To find out more about shuttle buses and taxis visit www.wellingtonairport.co.nz or call 385 5100.

The Airport Flyer is a cheaper bus service which can take you between the Airport, the city and the Hutt Valley. For information about routes and fares, visit www.metlink.org.nz or call 0800 801 700.

PRIVATE TRANSPORT – YOUR OWN VEHICLE

► DRIVER'S LICENSE

To drive in New Zealand, a person must be 15 years old and have a driver's license.

In New Zealand you get your car license in three stages:

- 1 A **learner** license
- 2 A **restricted** license
- 3 A **full** license.

If you have a valid and current overseas driving license or international driving permit, you can drive using this permit for a maximum of 12 months from the date of your arrival in New Zealand. However, if your license is not in English, you must carry an accurate translation.

You must apply in person for a driving license with Land Transport New Zealand driving license agents:

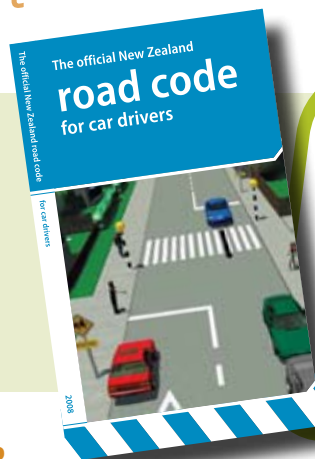
- **Automobile Association** www.aa.co.nz or call 0800 500 222
- **Vehicle Testing New Zealand** www.vtnz.co.nz or call 495 2500
- **Vehicle Inspection New Zealand** www.vinz.co.nz or call 0800 468 469

To find out more about the driving license agents in Wellington, visit www.landtransport.govt.nz or call 0800 822 422.



SETTLEMENT SUPPORT
NEW ZEALAND

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► TIPS FOR DRIVING IN NEW ZEALAND

- Drive on the LEFT side of the road
- Give way at intersections
- Never drink alcohol and drive
- Everybody must wear a seatbelt
- Keep to speed limits on the motorway and around the city.

For full details of the New Zealand official road code rules, please visit www.ltta.govt.nz/roadcode or call 0800 822 422.

BUYING A CAR/MOTORBIKE/SCOOTER

► THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Your Car/Motorbike/Scooter MUST have:

- **Warrant of fitness (WoF)**
- **Registration**
- **Licensing**

To learn more about the above requirements, visit www.ltta.govt.nz or call 0800 822 422

In Wellington, you can buy a car/motorcycle/scooter from:

- a registered motor vehicle trader,
- an auction or
- a private dealer.

The safest way to buy a car is from a trader who is registered with the Motor Vehicle Trader Register. To check if the traders are registered or banned, visit www.motortraders.med.govt.nz. or call 0508 668 678.

When thinking of insuring your vehicle, it is worth asking insurance companies some of the following questions:

- What will the premium be for the type of insurance I want?
- How can I pay my premium? Monthly, yearly?
Will paying monthly cost more than paying once a year?
- What excess will I pay?
- When won't the insurance company pay out on a claim?
- Who will be covered for vehicle insurance (just the owner or all the drivers?)

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Land and Transport New Zealand also provide information and advice when considering buying a vehicle.

- **Ministry of Consumer Affairs:** www.consumeraffairs.govt.nz or call 474 2750
- **Land and Transport New Zealand:** www.ltta.govt.nz or call 0800 108 809.

OTHER MEANS OF TRANSPORT

► WALKING AND CYCLING

Wellington is easy to get around because of its size. For information about walk ways and cycling in Wellington visit www.feelinggreat.co.nz or call 499 4444.

► WELLINGTON TAXI COMPANIES

All taxis in New Zealand must belong to a taxi company. They run 24 hours a day and how much you pay depends on the distance travelled and the time the journey takes. Different companies have different rates. For a list of taxis in Wellington visit www.yellowpages.co.nz

► FERRY SERVICES

The East by West ferry is a service that runs between the Wellington waterfront at Queens Wharf, Matiu (Somes) Island, Petone and Eastbourne. The Bluebridge and Interislander ferries provide a daily service between Wellington and Picton in the South Island.

- **East by West** www.eastbywest.co.nz or call 394 3393
- **Bluebridge** www.bluebridge.co.nz or call 0800 844 844
- **The Interislander** www.interislander.co.nz or call 0800 802 802

► CABLE CAR

A unique and famous form of Wellington transportation is the hill-climbing cable car that travels between Lambton Quay, Kelburn campus of Victoria University, and the Botanic Garden every 10 minutes.

For timetable and fares visit www.wellingtonnz.com or call 472 2199.



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